

St. John's C of E Primary School



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The St John's Support Fund

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may remember, together with the PTA, we launched the St John's Support Fund back in November. Donations from St John's families and money raised from Christmas fundraising activities were allocated specifically to the fund, with the aim to provide some financial support to St John's families who are facing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pot of money was divided into three portions to allow us to distribute money throughout the year. In December the first payments were made, and as we are now in March, we are at the stage of arranging the second installment. Anyone is entitled to apply for this Support Fund, whether you applied back in December or not. As the pandemic has lingered on there has been a huge impact on many people's financial situation and some families may be surprised to find themselves in the situation of requiring this support. Please be reassured that the application process is entirely confidential, please see below for further details and how to apply.

How will it work?

Raising Funds

Funds have been raised from one off donations from St John's families, and the following Christmas fundraising events:

- Christmas Sparkle Day
- The Big PTA Raffle 2020
- Festive Bedtime Stories

Distributing Funds Throughout the Year

Money raised for the St John's Support Fund has been split into three equal portions in order for money to be distributed at intervals throughout the year, to families who need it at these times. The intervals fall in line with the end of the school terms;

- December 2020 (this has been successfully distributed),
- March 2021 and
- July 2021.

Money is provided in the form of a supermarket voucher.

Who can apply?

We will be accepting applications for the St John's Support Fund from families within our school community (with at least one child currently attending St John's) facing financial hardship. If your family is struggling with a reduced household income due to unemployment, furlough, sick leave etc., you are eligible to apply. You are able to apply at as many of the application periods as you need.

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How much will I receive?

This is an unprecedented situation. We have no way of gauging how many applicants there will be hoping to receive assistance and there is a finite pool of funds. To give a rough idea, in December we were able to provide £100 per child to the families who applied, but of course we cannot guarantee it will be the same this time as it will depend on how many applications are received.

How to apply

To apply, please send an email briefly explaining your situation to our School Bursar, Gill Ray:

rayg@stjohnsprimary.org.uk

0117 903 0251 (Worrall Road Main Office)

Gill will arrange a follow-up call with all applicants to discuss their requirements, and let them know whether they are eligible to apply for assistance.

Please be assured that all applications will be treated with the strictest confidence. The names of those applying will **not** be shared with the PTA Committee, or anyone outside the school senior leadership team.

When is the deadline?

Applications for assistance in March must be received **no later than the end of the day on Wednesday, March 24th 2021.**

Vouchers will be available for eligible applicants from Wednesday, March 31st.

Further applications will also be accepted in July 2021, and we will be in touch to confirm deadlines nearer the time.

With very best wishes,

Justin

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